



Oroville Facilities
Relicensing
FERC Project No. 2100
Plenary Group Meeting

Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group
Resource Actions
January 27, 2004



Recreation & Socioeconomics Work Group Presentation Topics

- Recreation Work Group - Overview
 - Resource Actions - Development Process
 - Sorting of Resource Actions
 - Cross-Resource Area Issues
 - Plenary Questions and/or Discussion
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Recreation & Socioeconomics Work Group

- Participants - DWR/HET, DPR, DFG, DBW, SWC, Butte County, LOJPA, FRR&PD, FRLFCA, City/RDA, ORAC, USFS, NPS, Local Tribes, Recreation User Groups
 - Monthly meetings to identify, develop, and advance study plans and resource actions
 - ❑ Developed 19 study plans that were accepted by the Plenary Group
 - ❑ Reviewing study plan reports and supporting PDEA Team's analysis of resource actions
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Resource Action Development Process

The Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group has:

- Compiled the initial list of issues captured in the Issue Tracker into a **Resource Action Matrix**
 - Added Resource Action ID Form (RAIF) information, and additional stakeholder proposals, to Matrix
 - Reviewed and organized RAs geographically, and by “Cluster”(LOJPA approach); “straw poll” to focus
 - Discussed which RAs should be high priority for Environmental Analysis, and which are most appropriate for Settlement Discussions
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Sorting of Resource Actions (233)

Geographic Areas

- ❑ Thermalito Diversion Pool (19; 1 RAIF)
 - ❑ Thermalito Forebay (21; 12 RAIFs)
 - ❑ Thermalito Afterbay (14; 2 RAIFs)
 - ❑ Oroville Wildlife Area (20; 2 RAIFs)
 - ❑ Feather River low-flow channel (44; 13 RAIFs)
 - ❑ Lake Oroville (87*; 40 RAIFs)
 - ❑ Feather R. below Afterbay outlet (2; 1 RAIF)
 - ❑ Socioeconomic/Other RAs (26; 21 RAIFs)
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

- ❑ The “A List” - Proposed RAs for detailed Environmental Analysis
 - ❑ The “B List” - Proposed RAs not recommended for Environmental Analysis
 - ❑ The “S List” - Proposed RAs most appropriate for Settlement Discussions
 - ❑ The “T List” - Trails-related RAs for separate analysis and General Planning
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

“A List” - Further Environmental Analysis

- ❑ 76 RAs (41 w/RAIFs) that the Work Group agreed to forward to the Plenary Group and the PDEA team for further analysis
 - ❑ Range of actions to address stated issues, or to meet recreation needs that may be supported by the Needs Analysis; almost all are generally within Project boundary
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

“B List” - No Environmental Analysis

- ❑ 86 RAs (18 w/RAIFs) not recommended or not appropriate for PDEA analysis
 - ❑ Reasons for forgoing or deferring analysis:
 - ❑ insufficient project nexus or outside scope
 - ❑ overriding acquisition requirement, too speculative for PDEA
 - ❑ other WG issue, Interim Project, already planned
 - ❑ not a "project," or other process available (management, procedural)
 - ❑ redundant (other RA reasonably similar in scope and location)
 - ❑ insufficient information or support
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

“S List” - Defer to Settlement Discussion

- ❑ 53 RAs (30 w/RAIFs) not recommended or not appropriate for PDEA analysis
 - ❑ Reasons for forgoing or deferring analysis:
 - ❑ *major project outside FERC jurisdiction*
 - ❑ *overriding socioeconomic program element, not typically included in scope of environmental review*
 - ❑ *preliminary information suggests Needs Analysis will not support RA (likely to be categorized as “enhancement” measure)*
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

“T List” - Trails-related Resource Actions

- ❑ 18 RAs (3 w/RAIFs) that will be treated separately and not detailed in PDEA analysis
 - ❑ Reasons for forgoing or deferring analysis:
 - ❑ *individual elements consolidated into comprehensive RA (with RAIF, on “A-list”)*
 - ❑ *upcoming opportunities for stakeholder input to proposed LOSRA General Plan, to be developed by DPR*
 - ❑ *awaiting resolution to ongoing trails issues under current License*
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

Overview of "A List"

Newspaper T A L L Y	Potential Cluster PDEA Go/No-go SEE KEY	PDEA List Just.	COUNT: 76 updated JAN 22, 2004					Resource Action Information																			
			Proposed Final: For Distribution to Plenary Group and PDEA Team					P/M/E	Local or Tourist Priority		Flow Related	Construction	O&M (1=one time, 0=ongoing)	Enforcement	Environ. Documentation	Potential X- Resource Impact	Potential User Conflict	Acquisition /Easement	Revenue Generating	Consistent w/existing zoning/regs	Change experience/ expectation	Related to Existing Facilities	Partnering/Inves tment	Conflict w/existing Private Economic Enterprise	Costs	Comments	
			Resource Action Number	Sponsor/ Submitter/ Advocate	Interest Addressed	Description of Proposed Resource Action																					
X	11	A	Q	RWG-DP1	ORAC Butte County	Access	Lakeland Blvd. Access: Acquire authorization to use existing road or build new road to old RR grade. Provide limited facilities (parking, tables, pole-stoves, restroom, access to water's edge for hikers and cartop boats) to facilitate use.		L				X	0		X	CR,E	M	x	x		M	x				day users/boaters/equestrians
X	8	B	A	Q	RWG-DP17	City of Oro.	Day use	Use of DWR property next to Diversion Dam for multi-use center. Additional development at "staging area" Interim Project (arena, fencing, delineated parking, water, restrooms, small concession/office building, grandstand seating).	M				X	1		X	CR,E	M		x	x	M	x	x	x		current use vs. new
	1	A	A	P	RWG-DP3	C Hodges	Camping	Camping improvements: Provide a few initial primitive camping facilities in the vicinity of the trailhead; more expansive development contingent upon DP5, below.	T				X	0		X	CR,LU, E			x		M					
	7	A	A	Q	RWG-DP6	LOJPA	Trails, boating	Day use sites for trail users and boaters: In addition to DP1, above, develop spur-trails and boat-landing areas with picnic tables, pole-stoves, and trash-cans at remote points along N and S shores of Diversion Pool; requires shoreline access for maintain	T				X	0		X	CR,E	L		x		H	x			sailboaters, slow water boaters vs. powerboats. Also quite users (anglers, picnickers vs. power boaters)	
	3		A	P	RWG-LF12	City of Oro.	tourism	Aquatic center with water ski course - west of hatchery, north side of river: Either in addition to or replacement of existing area on Afterbay, designate area with buoys, construct parking, grandstands, restroom, and upgrade road (similar to WA16).	M		x		X	0		X	ELU,C R	L	?	x	x	M		x			
	1		A	P	RWG-LF13	FRRPD	education	Add spawning rifle observation/interpretation facility: Create nature trail, either from Hatchery or Downtown, that leads to viewing platform (new, perhaps also on new constructed side-channel) where natural salmonid spawning can be observed.	M				X	0		X	E					M	x	x			
	0		A	Y	RWG-LF20	City of Oro.	camping	Add RV campground (NE side of river): Build new campground (includes utilities) on public land, exact location TBD.	T				X	0		X	ELU,C R	M	x	x	?	H		x	x		
	1		A	Y	RWG-LF22	City of Oro.	tourism	Add event meadow (NE side of river): At the same (undetermined) site for LF20, provide area and support facilities (parking, sanitary, utilities) for outdoor "festival," "fair," and/or music events.	T				X	0		X	ELU,C R	H	x	x	?	H		x			
	3	B	A	P	RWG-LF29	Oroville RDA F.R. LFCA	camping - group	Add flexible event staging/group camping area: Combination of LF20 and LF22; adjacent to the Interim Project staging area (across/above Power Canal from proposed Whitewater Park, right bank of channel).	T				X	0		X	LU	M	?	x	x	x		x			

Cross-Resource Area Issue Assessment

The Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group will join other Work Groups to discuss cross-resource issues:

- ❑ **Environmental Work Group**

- Recreation facilities in sensitive habitat
- Recreation activities conflicting with sensitive species

- ❑ **Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group**

- Trash and debris collection (primarily at recreation facilities)
- Removal of existing billboards

- ❑ **Cultural Resources Work Group**

- Recreation use in sensitive areas
- Interpretive facilities

- ❑ **Engineering and Operations Work Group**

- Operations modeling results
- Implication of operational scenarios on Lake Oroville recreation facility availability

Plenary Group Questions and/or Discussion?

